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## County application to expand sewerage lines denied by Feds

BY ED LEPOMA

An ambitious program to expand sewerage lines south of Interstate 10 in Hancock County has suffered a temporary, if not fatal, setback.

Bill Minear, vice chairman of Hancock County Wastewater District #1, revealed this week that an application for \$6.6 million in federal funding has been turned down. Minear and state Rep. J.P. Compretta, who serves as the attorney for the Wastewater District, said they will now turn to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and 5th District U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor for aid.

"As we understand it, the funds for sewerage are channeled through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and so much is allocated each of the 50 states. Some states don't file application for any of the monies, so whatever's left over, is returned back to Agriculture, and grants that might have been turned down in the initial funding phase may be

from Pearlinton residents.

The outgoing board tabled any action on the matter, and tossed the political hot potato over to a new Board of Supervisors, who took office last January.

They also held a public hearing on the sewerage extension program and conceded to Pearlinton residents, who said they want to explore their own sewerage options.

Last May, supervisors finally gave the Wastewater District the go-ahead to file for a \$6.5 million that would exclude Pearlinton, but add about 1,200 residents south to the system, more than doubling the present customer base.

Compretta said Wastewater District Commissioners received official word last October that the county's application was turned down, but, "We have received so many inquiries from citizens about the status of the program, we felt we need to inform people about what we hope is only a temporary

*"We also must not lose sight of the fact, that we're sitting on a time bomb...We've got to clean up our ditches and bayous and stop the dumping of raw sewerage that's been going on for years...It's a miracle that we haven't had a major outbreak so far...People will want to move in but they can't build houses or get loans because there's no sewerage...They'll end up buying in Slidell..." Bill Minear, vice chairman of Hancock County Wastewater District #1*



### Still a problem

Hancock County's Wastewater District #1 was passed over on a request for \$6.6 million in federal grants and loans needed to expand the sewerage system south of Interstate 10. Meanwhile, raw sewage is being dumped by pipes directly into bayous and streams and officials say the county's sitting on a "time bomb," with inadequate septic tanks adding to the contamination problem. (Echo staff file photo)

## Bay to preserve lagoon

BY BETSY GAGNET

The lagoon located near the border of Waveland and Bay St. Louis is safe from becoming a rubbish site according to Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre.

The issue was raised at Monday's workshop when Lydia Shultz, owner of Lydia's Audubon Shoppe, appeared before the Council to voice her concerns over plans for the

lagoon.

The Hancock County Solid Waste District recently considered the possibility of using the

LAGOON—PAGE 14

## Biloxian faces drug charge

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Some eight ounces of methamphetamine was seized early Monday morning on Interstate 10 by Hancock County Sgt. Timothy Broder and Deputy Todd Drummond, said Hancock County Narcotics Drug Task Force investigator Corky Hoda.

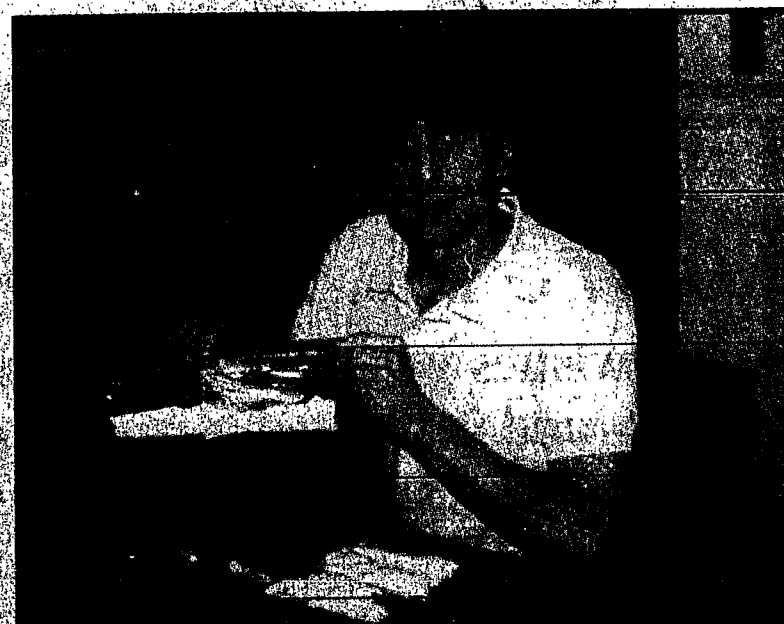
"Officer Broder noticed a vehicle displaying a Harrison County tag weaving on the interstate. He stopped the vehicle and began speaking with the driver. During this time, Broder noticed several packages taped together under the front seat of the vehicle partially wrapped with a towel," Hoda said.

Hoda continued, "Broder removed the packages and called me, as I was close to the area. Prior to my arrival, Broder, doing a pat-down of the vehicle's driver, discovered several more bags taped to his legs."

"Upon a field test of the substance, I determined it was methamphetamine," Hoda said. "I arrested the vehicle's driver and seized the drugs."

Biloxi, who was charged with the alleged possession and

attempt to distribute a controlled substance Hoda said.



### Drugs seized

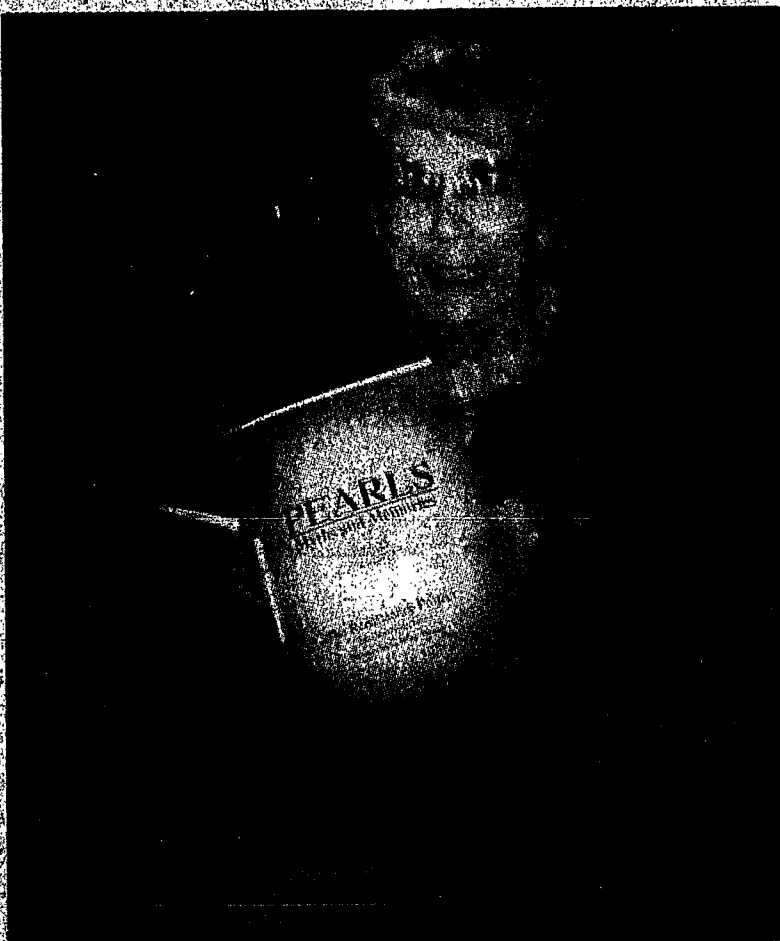
Hancock County Drug Task Force investigator Corky Hoda displays packages of methamphetamine seized early Monday morning from a motorist on Interstate 10. One person was arrested with a bond set at \$50,000 in the seizure. Street value of the methamphetamine was estimated at \$15,000 by Hoda. (Echo staff file photo) Ellis C. Cuevas

### Library improves

Receipt printers have been connected to the Hancock County Library System's automated system. The printers will print all check-out transactions, including fees paid, items checked out, renewals and dates all items are due. The printed receipts speed the check-out process for library users and allow staff members more time to spend on customer service. The printers were purchased with a Mississippi State Legislature Bond Grant through the Mississippi Library Commission.

### TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sat.	1:00 a.	12:24 p.
Sun.	1:27 a.	12:59 p.
Mon.	1:46 a.	12:39 p.
Tues.	1:45 a.	12:20 p.
	11:02 p.	
Wed.	8:33 p.	12:03 p.
Thur.	7:55 p.	10:28 a.



### Renaissance reception

Donna Pearl, author of the book 'Pearls: Myths and Legends of the South', was the guest of honor at a reception Saturday honoring her new book. Pearl, who lives in Bay St. Louis, is the author of the book 'Pearls: Myths and Legends of the South', which is available at the Renaissance Project and other local bookstores. The book is a collection of myths and legends from the South, including stories about the sea, the bayou, and the people who live there. The book is available for purchase at the Renaissance Project, 101 N. Main St., Bay St. Louis, and at other local bookstores.



**ALMA ALLEN**  
**MICHAEL D'ANGELO SR.**  
**JOHN JERMYN**  
**JAMES P. MULLALLY**  
**FRANCIS C. O'TOOLE**

**ALMA ALLEN**  
 Alma Ladell Upchurch Allen, 94, of Diamondhead, formerly of Vancleave, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Allen was a longtime member of Vancleave United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years and was past matron and organist. She was a retired school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Flusck O. Allen, and a son, Marshall Earl Allen.

Survivors include a nephew, James Cartwright, who cared for her.

Services were conducted Monday at Vancleave United Methodist Church. Burial was in Vancleave Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Methodist Orphanage in Jackson in care of the Vancleave United Methodist Church, US-57, Vancleave, MS 39565.

**MICHAEL D'ANGELO SR.**  
 Michael Daniel D'Angelo Sr., 73, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996 in Clermont Harbor.

Mr. D'Angelo was a native of New Orleans and a retired accountant.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ricardo V. D'Angelo; his parents, Emanuel and Emma Calandrina D'Angelo; two

brothers, Joseph D'Angelo and Benny D'Angelo; and a sister, Lena Marino.

Survivors include two sons, Michael D'Angelo Jr. and Emanuel D'Angelo II, both of Slidell; three daughters, Gayle Childs, Catherine D'Angelo, both of Clermont Harbor, and Tessa Chatelain of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Frank D'Angelo of Picayune; a sister, Mary D'Angelo Maloney of Metairie; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**JOHN JERMYN**  
 John "Jack" Jermy, 82, of Picayune, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, in Picayune.

Mr. Jermy was a native of Gulfport and retired as office manager with Pearl River Valley Electric. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Picayune.

He was preceded in death by a son, Freddie Jermy.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Jermy; a daughter, Mary Lou Robbins, both of Picayune; five brothers, Bobby Jermy of Gulfport, Tom Jermy of Somerset, Mass., Dick Jermy of Gulfport, Harry Jermy of Albuquerque, N.M., and Pat Jermy of Gulfport; three sisters, Enola Jermy of Gulfport, Thelma Duling of Esdrige, Kan., and Cathrine Wood of Pass Christian; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Picayune, with burial in Sandy Hook Methodist Church Cemetery. McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES P. MULLALLY**  
 James Patrick Mullally, 85, of Pass Christian and formerly of New Orleans, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mr. Mullally was born in New Orleans. He attended Jesuit High School and Tulane University. He was a retired executive at Phelps Dodge Corporation. An artist and an avid sailor, he represented Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans for many years. He was a member of Pass Christian Yacht Club and St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Weatherly Mullally of Pass Christian; a daughter and son-in-law, Dennis and Jane Mullally Cross; a sister, Evelyn Kiyett Daigne; and three grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

**FRANCIS C. O'TOOLE**  
 Francis S. O'Toole, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, in Diamondhead.

Mr. O'Toole was a native of Plentywood, Montana, and a resident of Diamondhead. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead, the Diamondhead Men's Golf Association and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Betty O'Toole; three children, Patricia Middendorf of Florissant, Mo., Shea Davis of St. Charles, Mo., and James O'Toole of Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Jerry O'Toole of San Diego, Calif., James O'Toole of Froid, Montana, and Eugene O'Toole of Florence, Montana; five grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

A private service will be conducted at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Organ Fund at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead or to the American Cancer Society, 1824 DeBuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

## Card of Thanks

On behalf of Oris V. Ladner Sr., who passed away Dec. 10, 1996, we wish to thank the following for their care and concern during his illness:

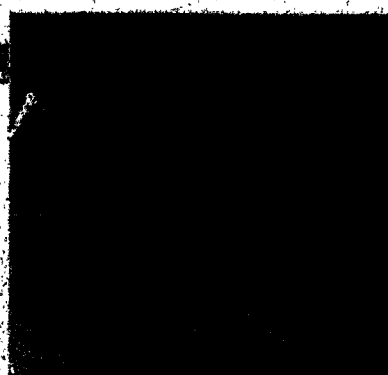
Father John Kelly, Dr. Chil-migas and staff, doctors and nurses and staffs of Hancock Medical Center, Slidell Radiation Center, Slidell Memorial Hospital, Tulane Medical Center, Quality Home Health Care and Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast.

We're very grateful to VF members who performed military gravesite services.

A special thanks to his numerous friends and family members who participated in and helped with Mr. Ladner's benefit and raffle.

May God bless each and every one of you.

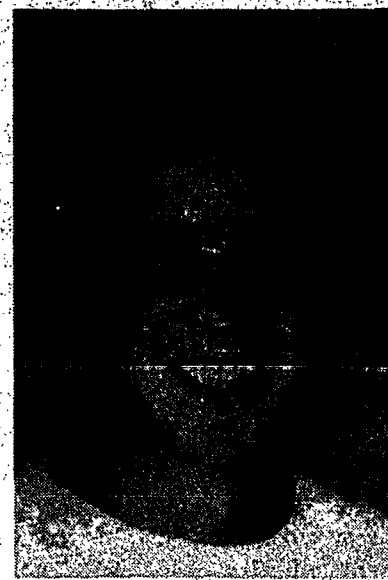
Shirley Lehnen and Family



## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory  
 Of Our Beloved Sister  
**MARY ELLEN (POYADOU)  
 FAUCETTA**  
 April 23, 1906

Sister, we saw you fading like a flower, but we could not make you stay.  
 We nursed you with tender kindness until God called you away.  
 Sister dear, we love you, and our hearts ache for you still.  
 Forgotten by some, but by us you never will.  
 So sadly missed at Christmas  
 By your Brothers and Sisters



## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory  
 of  
**JOBY NECAISE**  
 May 18, 1973  
 Feb. 1, 1990

Thinking of you in sorrow, we always call your name. God set the stars to give light to the world. Joby walked, as a child, to the light.

To Him there is no darkness, but the night and day are both alike. Our nights are filled with a bright star shining, and the darkness hour, our star keeps guiding.

We send this message up above.  
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## ST. ANN AND ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:  
 Sometimes, Father, frigid winter blankets my spirits. Gray days become a harsh and heavy burden.

And then I remember how You promised Noah winter and summer, seed time and harvest, day and night, cold and heat as long as earth shall live.

Help me to understand the barren and difficult times are not a curse, but a part of a blessing — Your wonderful, ever-changing gift, life.

Watch for good times to re-entreat into yourself. Frequently meditate on how good God is to you.

—T. A. Kempis  
 The hours fly by and I am always in a rush... so many duties and relationships to tend to, Lord. Help me find the time to meditate on the most important relationship of all — my relationship with You. Amen.

For you have a new life. It was not passed on to you from your parents, for the life they gave you will fade away. This new one will last forever, for it comes from Christ, God's everlasting message to men.

—Peter 1:23  
 No one knows what this next year will bring, but one thing is sure — He will be with us, and He is enough for every difficulty that may arise.

—Amy Carmichael  
 Lord, as the old year closes, help me take time to examine the relationships in my life. Are they in good repair? Are there debts of any kind that need my attention? Give me the courage to admit my errors and shortcomings and the character and Your grace correct them.

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule: 4 p.m. Mass, St. Ann's

Clermont Harbor Parish choir will sing  
 New Year's Day there will be a 9 a.m. Mass at St. John Church, Lakeshore. The parish choir will sing.

Volunteering whatever time and talents God has given to you to your church and community is a beautiful way to honor God.

CCD classes, CYO and other parish activities will resume after the holidays.

Father John J. Kelly, pastor of St. Ann-St. John, and the parish staff wish everyone a very happy, holy and safe New Year.

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find it out.

—Frank A. Clark

Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished.

—Mandino

Christian charity is friendship to all the world... friendship expanded like the face of the sun, when it mounts above the eastern hills.

—Jeremy Taylor

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory  
 of  
**MYRTHEE NORTH**  
 Dec. 24, 1961-Dec. 24, 1993

Happy Birthday. Mother, Daddy, and Sisters

Shirley Lehnen and Family

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## "CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

You have just a few days left to finalize your New Year's resolutions.

This year sure has passed by very fast for me. Easter seems to have been just several weeks ago.

At one time New Year's resolutions were popular, but I think not too many folks think about them anymore.

One of my big goals for 1997 will be to lose some 15 pounds or so. It seems my waistline has increased a bit last year, and I need to lose a couple inches.

One thing is for sure, when it comes to increase in waistlines, I am not the only one with that particular problem.

It will be interesting to see what will happen to the extra inches I need to lose.

One thing to look forward to in 1997 is the early Mardi Gras parades. The Krewe of Nereids is scheduled to roll on Groundhog Day, Sunday, February 2.

This is a bit early, but Easter will be early this year.

Nereids members are very busy putting the final touches on the floats and costumes for the big festive event.

It's a great spectacular, and I am hoping this year will be the largest parade attendance ever for the group of ladies.

Santa has come and gone for most youngsters of the area, and I am hoping they received their requests from the once-a-year visitor.

Several residents have helped many children have a good Christmas by purchasing gifts, contributing money, food and clothing to those deserving residents who may not have the means to do so.

These contributors really need to be acknowledged, because they are really doing a fine service for their fellowman in our community.

In these times there are some families who are less fortunate than others, and they need a helping hand.

I think it is great to live in Hancock County, a caring community.

One area of the community we really need to think about during the Christmas season is the Waveland Animal Shelter.

The animals need care every day of the year and need it especially during the winter months.

There is always a need for blankets, towels and even food at the shelter.

I received a letter a few days ago from Thyla Rogers, president of the Hancock County Humane Society making a request.

Mrs. Rogers reports the Waveland Animal Shelter is in need of a pressure washer to use on the shelter's concrete floor.

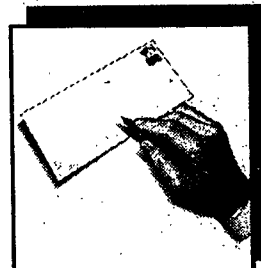
Thyla said they would love someone to donate a new one, but they would also be thrilled and grateful if someone would give them a used one that still works.

The Waveland Animal Shelter's telephone number is 467-0230.



## Echo aids wildlife

Donated Sea Coast Echo used printing plates are being used as predator guards to keep squirrels, raccoons, and snakes from entering wood duck nest boxes mounted on trees and posts in the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge (in New Orleans East) and Big Branch Marsh Wildlife Refuge on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. Douglas Hunt, park ranger, reports the boxes were posted last year, and in one area more than two-thirds of the boxes were used providing homes for several broods of wood ducks. Others were used by owls and flying squirrels. Hunt said the second year after installation usually sees a big increase in usage of wood duck boxes.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tax assessor's automation is a creation of GIS

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to Mr. Manieri's letter to the Sea Coast Echo on Dec. 19.

The automation in progress at the Hancock County Tax Assessor's office is the creation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for tax assessment mapping and is not NASA computer technology.

Technical assistance was provided under NASA funding sources in the early stages, but did not address the majority of the issues in relation to this project.

This massive effort includes the creation of detailed specifications, photogrammetric mapping, creation of digital databases, specifying and purchasing computer hardware and software, and technical support.

The process mentioned above is being provided by a private mapping contractor. This project is totally funded by the Hancock County Tax Assessor's Office.

The suggestion that NASA offer technical assistance to local governments directly competes with many private consulting firms and individuals who are now offering these services. This also conflicts with NASA's own mission to create a commercial market for many of its programs.

The implementation of technology in our tax assessor's office began many years ago. This progress is the result of having strong leadership and a vision for the future to the credit of Mr. Murtagh.

Relying on NASA to help local government with technology issues without having elected officials committed to the modernization of their offices is unrealistic.

Over the past several years I have had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time and to become familiar with the history of the growth in Huntsville, Ala.

The economic success of this high-technology area was a result of NASA-related technology, but more importantly was the end product of strong leadership in local government, an enormous amount of communication with the private sector, and careful planning from elected officials.

I do agree with Mr. Manieri that high-technology businesses would be a great asset to our community and would be a great way to diversify our economy.

Someone also in agreement is the 60-foot neon alligator who appears to be hibernating for the winter.

Stuart Williamson  
Waveland

## Concerning Medicaid

### Can we keep grandma out of jail?

By William B. Howell

As of Jan. 1, 1997, it will be a federal crime to transfer property with the intent to become eligible for Medicaid if such transfer results in a period of ineligibility for Medicaid benefits. This somewhat unexpected new provision is found in Section 217 of the Kennedy-Kassebaum Bill, officially titled the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, signed into law Aug. 22, 1996.

This does not apply solely to older Medicaid applicants, but they are the largest in number and are the subject here.

Simply put, if Grandma signs over property (real or personal) outright to her daughter for less than adequate consideration in order not to have non-exempt assets when she applies for Medicaid assistance she likely will be guilty of this crime if done after Jan. 1, 1997 (and maybe before). Sounds simple so far. But there is more.

As many are aware, Medicaid has what is termed a "lookback" period during which time any transfer that was made are subject to scrutiny, and may result in a time of disqualification. The lookback period is now 3 years (5 years if transfers are made to most trusts) prior to the application for Medicaid. Any transfer during that time may result in a period of Medicaid ineligibility.

The length of such ineligibility period in months would be the uncompensated value transferred divided by the monthly nursing home charge currently in use by the Division of Medicaid. For example, a \$50,000 transfer, assuming \$2,000 per month nursing home cost, results in an ineligibility period of 25 months (\$50,000 divided by 2,000 = 25).

The question arises: When is the crime committed? At the time of the transfer of the property, or when application is made for Medicaid and a period of ineligibility is determined? If the latter, then it could be possible for an applicant to be prosecuted criminally for the results of a transfer that took place in 1994, long before the Kennedy-Kassebaum became the law of the land. Answer unknown.

What about the person who is in good health and transfers property for estate planning purposes, and then within 3

years has a devastating illness, is financially wiped out, moves to a nursing home and applies for Medicaid assistance?

Is intent specifically required to be proven, or can it be presumed for the resulting period of ineligibility (natural result of a conscious and deliberate act)? Take this same fact pattern but presume the application for Medicaid assistance was not made until 37 months after the transfer, would that have eliminated the period of ineligibility and therefore any danger of criminal prosecution? Based on a strict reading of the law, it should, but no definitive answer can yet be given.

Now let's explore "undoing the crime to avoid the time." Never heard of such a thing? 42 United States Code, Section 1396p(c)(2)(iii) allows the removal of a period of Medicaid ineligibility through reversing of the transfer which cause it. This might possibly solve the criminal problem, that is if the transferee will return it (if s/he still has it). And, if it looks as if a period of ineligibility and its accompanying potential criminal liability are going to result, could the party merely withdraw their Medicaid application? Would that act eliminate the possibility of criminal prosecution? As of this writing these proposals have not yet been either approved or disapproved.

Now, more than ever before, those persons with even remotely possible nursing home stays in their future, with modest assets and no long-term care insurance (Medicare is not long-term care insurance), need to have sound advice before making any uncompensated transfers and/or before applying for Medicaid. One final note. Prosecution for this federal crime will not be limited to the Medicaid applicants alone. Those who aid, abet, advise and counsel are subject to criminal prosecution as well.

January 1997 ushers in a new Medicaid era. Be aware and be prepared.

William B. Howell, a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a frequent speaker on elder law subjects, may be reached at 601-978-1700 or 800-839-7857, or by mail at P.O. Box 14, Jackson, MS 39205-0014.

## Secretary of State registrar of rules changes for agencies

The Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law designates the Secretary of State's Office as the official registrar for the rules of all state agencies. Currently over 120 state agencies file their agency procedures and rules with the Secretary of State's Office.

Each state agency proposes its own rules and regulations, seeks public comment on the proposed changes and ultimately adopts the final rules or regulations. This process usually takes several months.

The public, which is often affected by these procedures, has an important role in this process.

Citizens can voice their opinions regarding proposed regulations by writing and providing comments to the state agencies. However, citizens cannot comment on the changes without knowing that changes have been proposed.

For that reason, the Secretary of State's Office distributes a monthly report briefly describing the proposed procedures. Each proposed change is listed by agency with a contact person and telephone number.

The Secretary of State's office does not participate in a state agency's decision-making process when it proposes administrative rules changes.

The final decision about whether to implement proposed changes is entirely up to the agency proposing the change.

## THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial From Mississippi Economic Council

### MISSISSIPPI'S TAX RATE RANKS HIGH

Mississippians paid \$80.37 for every \$1,000 of personal income in fiscal year 1995 — making the state one of the nation's leaders in collecting a high percentage of a taxpayer's hard-earned money.

But before your stress turns to outrage against legislators who levy state taxes, consider this: Mississippi was ninth in collecting state taxes as a percent of personal income in FY 95, but 32nd in the amount of state tax collections on a per capita basis.

What does this mean? It simply is another reflection of how the state's economy is moving up, also the per capita income is rising.

trast, collected over \$5 billion; but taxpayers paid only \$1,192 per capita and \$63.41 for each \$1,000 of personal income.

They collected more but took less from each pocket. Mississippi has too few pockets, and of those we have too many empty. Thus, those who do have cash are going to have to pay more.

The low per capita income problem has been a milestone around Mississippi's neck for decades. And it is far from being solved. We currently have an average of about 72 percent of the nation's per capita income, and although the state's economy is expanding, there are still many pockets that are empty.

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## Miss. to receive \$1.5 million to combat drug trafficking

Law enforcement authorities in Mississippi will receive nearly \$1.5 million to help combat drug trafficking, the state's two United States senators announced.

U.S. Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott said the funds were part of \$8 million allocated for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program in the Gulf Coast states of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

ment agencies to employ 33 full-time personnel to battle drug trafficking in the Gulf Coast area.

The HIDTA program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A total of 152 personnel in the three-state Gulf Coast area will be funded by the \$8 million program, said the senators. The funds will be used to hire personnel, purchase equipment and provide training.

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## IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

No one will ever get out of this world alive, so resolve therefore to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth. Without it, happiness is almost impossible. Be cheerful, helpful and kind. People will repay you for it. Avoid angry, abrasive per-

sons. They are generally vengeful.

Avoid zealots and bigots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and to talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be chary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it, and fools don't heed it.

Be tender with the young,

compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life, you will have been all of these.

Do not equate money with success. There are many successful money makers who are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a person

achieves it.

The holidays are not just candles and music, nor are they only small children rushing to unwrap all of their gifts.

The holidays are also a time of remembering those we love who are with us to share in the season and to remember those we love who have departed from this world.

## Thoughts for the New Year

## Diamondhead royalty crowned at ball

On Thursday, Dec. 5, the Krewe of Diamondhead held its coronation ball to present the 1997 court at the Isle of Capri Casino Crown Plaza Resort in Biloxi. The krewe is celebrating its 22nd year in existence. The festivities and decorations depicted the holiday season.

The ballroom was accented by two lavishly decorated Christmas trees. Each table had a wreath decorated with pine cones, gold ribbons and gold ornaments. The wreath was placed on top of a red velvet cross accented with gold braid and tassels. In the middle of the wreath was a red candle.

The evening began with the official blowing of the whistle by Captain Benny Mistretta while the band played carnival music.

Participating in the ceremony as maids and dukes were James Sexton and Mrs. Pat Sexton; Stanley Robert and Mrs. Peggy Clemons; John Sibley and Mrs. Gloria Enright; and Herman Zeringue and Mrs. Betta Flood. Each maid was escorted by her duke. The maids wore ballgowns of different colors with white gloves.

A short review of the 1996 carnival season was given by the master of ceremony, Jerry Reshew, before the royal couple was introduced. He reminded the audience that the carnival season began with the terrible tragedy of a fire at the Diamondhead Country Club last year, was the first time the ball had to be held outside of Diamondhead. He recalled that the theme was "Legends of Old" and recognized the court.

To the tune of "If Ever I Cease to Love," King Ali'i Honua XXI Berlon Dennis and Queen Alice Burkhardt entered the ballroom for their final promenade. The queen wore a white beaded ball gown with a short train.

Reigning over the coronation ball was King Ali'i Honua XXII Edward Rosenhauer and Queen Diane Calhoun. The queen was attired in a full-length royal blue jeweled gown.

After the official toasts by the captain, the royal proclamation was given by the king. He declared that all golf balls hit into the woods would bounce back onto the fairway and that all present would have a healthy and happy carnival season. He closed by using an Iowa phrase, "Let's party."

The officers of the Krewe of Diamondhead are Mistretta, captain; Reshew, president; Jerry Bourg, treasurer; Nell Dennis, secretary; Chris Arnos, parade lieutenant; James Kasper, ways and means lieutenant; Henry Burkhardt, social lieutenant; and Hilda L. Bourg, publicity lieutenant.

The decoration committee was chaired by Mrs. Jacque Rosenhauer. Her committee consisted of Mary Moomey, Eloise Connelly and Theresa Ketchum.

Past Krewe of Diamondhead kings and queens who were present were 1976 King Joe Salvatore; 1980 Queen Lee Fredian; 1983 Queen Hilda L. Bourg; 1984 King Jerry Bourg and Queen Lorraine Heier; 1985 King Vincent Almerico Sr. and Queen Ann Neff; 1986 King Clifford Satterlee and Queen Laura Almerico; 1987 King Stanley Robert and Queen Maealys Swartzendruber; 1989 King Herb Larson and Queen Dot Hoskins; 1990 King Ronald Bankston and Queen Linn Godard; 1991 King Ted Godard and Queen Evelyn Kibler; 1992 King Jerry Reshew and Queen Gertrude Wadington; 1993 King Paul Snemyr and Queen Gisela Rainey; 1994 King Bill Bahner and Queen Billie Bahner; and 1995 King Henry Kibler and Queen Lou Lamendola.

Music was provided by De Lorio's Sugar Mill Band for the ceremony and for the dinner-dance that followed.

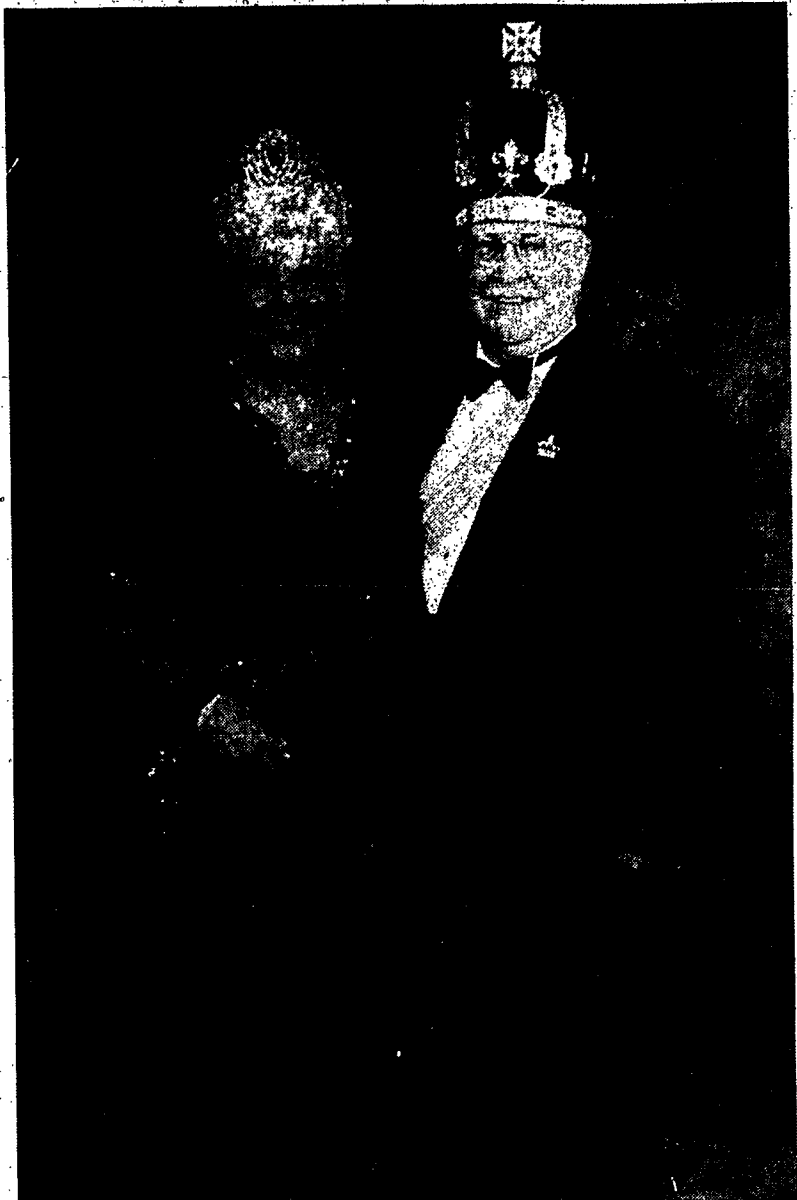
On Thursday morning, the 1997 king and the queen were presented the royal flags at their respective homes on behalf of the members of the krewe by Mistretta. The flags will be flown throughout the carnival season signifying their royalty. A champagne brunch followed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Calhoun.

The Mardi Gras ball will be Friday, Jan. 31 at the Isle of Capri Casino Plaza Resort in Biloxi, and the parade will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at noon. The theme is "Fly, Fly Away."

## Children's legislation

Parents, teachers, community leaders and volunteers and all interested organizations can follow legislation affecting Mississippi's children through a toll-free telephone line. This 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week information line — which can be reached by dialing 1-800-738-KIDS (5437) — will be updated regularly during the 1997 Mississippi Legislative Session. The KIDS information line is a service of the Mississippi Forum on Children and Families.

Corporate support for the toll-free legislative information line is provided by LDDS Worldcom of Jackson.



Diane Calhoun and Edward Rosenhauer

## Sleep Disorders Center

The Sleep Disorders Center at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell recently hosted the area's first Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic (AWAKE) meeting.

AWAKE is a support group for patients suffering from the sleep disorder, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). The group is designed to bring together patients and their families and friends who are learning to live with the sleep disorder.

Dr. Anwant Chawla, board certified sleep specialist and medical director of The Sleep Disorders Center introduced speaker Francisco Candal, MD, a pulmonologist at NorthShore, who presented a slide presentation on OSA.

Pam Seringe of Health Management Services, provided tips on how patients can keep their Continuous Positive Airway Pressure/Bi-Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP/BiPAP) equipment clean and in proper working order.

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## Christmas reindeer

Shelby Rigby is all dressed up like Rudolph as part of a Christmas Program at Bay Catholic Friday. The kindergarten and pre-school classes performed Christmas carols for parents and friends. Older students performed a program entitled "Christmas through a Child's Eyes" in the Our Lady of the Gulf Church. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

## County beef producers proactive in education

In this era of tight school budgets, beef producers in Hancock County and around the country are helping out by offering educational materials to teachers. The materials, offered a little or no cost through the Mississippi Cattle Industry Board, address topics as diverse as conservation, food safety, nutrition, recycling and grocery shopping for students in pre-school through college.

"Surveys of cattle producers have shown that one of their main concerns is the education of young people," said Mei Mei Newsome, director, Promotions and Information of the Mississippi Cattle Industry Board. "Just like other parents and business people, cattle producers want to see the nation's children receive a good education — especially as it relates to beef, the beef industry and agriculture in general."

Two new, checkoff-funded educational products have recently been introduced to help in that effort. The first, *And the Winner is . . . Ground Beef*, focuses on food shipping, using ground beef as an example. The sports-themed booklet teaches the fundamental principles of food safety, health, nutrition and value shopping to junior and senior high school consumer education students.

"Kids this age are very con-

cerned about fat and nutrition, as are their parents," said Newsome. "This booklet assures them that ground beef can fit into a healthy diet."

"Studies have shown that kids don't eat a balanced diet," said Newsome. "This package is part of an ongoing effort to emphasize the importance of eating from all the food groups."

Through *Dig In!* students learn basic skills in the areas of language arts, social studies, math/technology, science/health and fine arts. A unique, special designed *Food Guide Pyramid* included in the materials features food that the Egyptians ate, including beef.

"The meat group portion of the Food Guide Pyramid shows cattle and geese, which were often displayed in ancient Egyptian art, while the fats, oils and sweets group at the top of the pyramid depicts a honey bee because the ancient Egyptians ate honey rather than sugar," Newsome said.

Other beef industry educational materials include posters, educational video kits, study print programs and fact sheets.

For information about beef industry educational materials or a free catalog, call the Mississippi Cattle Industry Board at 1-601-354-8951.

## Pesticide contamination

Pesticide contamination in three Mississippi locales pushes state and federal responders to rely on both high-tech processing and common sense approaches to coordinate their response efforts.

Response teams conduct daily conference calls that link Jackson, Gulf Coast, Hattiesburg and Atlanta-based experts on health and the environment.

State Health Officer Dr. Ed Thompson reports latest information on potentially dangerous levels of the pesticide methyl parathion, based on calls to the pesticide hotline and laboratory analyses.

Since early November, the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture, and other state and federal agencies have been investigating and responding to reported indoor use of methyl parathion, commonly called "cotton poison."

People who think their homes or businesses might have been treated with methyl parathion or who have bought unlabeled pesticides may call the statewide pesticide hotline, 1-800-359-0564.

By Dec. 17, some 1,583 premises reportedly had been sprayed — of the 574 with lab results reported, nearly 300 will need full-scale decontamination.

The Department of Agriculture and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continue to collect environmental samples for analysis at the State Chemical Laboratory, which reports to the health department.

All responders rely on the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to coordinate efforts. ATSDR's staff work both from headquarters in Atlanta and one-site in

Jackson County.

But the Mississippi State Department of Health bears lead responsibility for contacting people with their results, collecting urine samples to determine if individuals have absorbed methyl parathion, and recommending action.

Partners at the Mississippi Regional Poison Control Center answer consumers' health-related questions, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta runs the urine tests and consults on action recommended.

EPA coordinates the response, relocating families and hiring cleanup contractors. In Jackson County, the Coast Guard assists with emergency response, and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gives technical assistance about cleanup. The Army Corps of Engineers helps with relocation of families.

By Dec. 17, some 874 people had been relocated from 218 houses in Jackson County.

Methyl parathion poisoning symptoms can involve a wide range of effects, including sweating, dizziness, excess salivation, muscle tremors, headache, muscle weakness, diarrhea, blurred vision, nausea and vomiting.

## Baby contest

The 1997 king and queen of Masquerade Bay Contest and Beauty Pageant will be held Jan. 12.

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## Sea Wolves weekly recap (2-1-0)

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Mississippi 7 at Birmingham 6 SO

Kelly Hurd (12) became the first Sea Wolf to score four goals in a game including the game winner in the shootout. Mississippi led 3-2 after the first period and 5-4 after two.

The Sea Wolves led 6-4 at 6:36 of the third period as Hurd recorded the first Mississippi hat trick.

Kevin Hilton (2-pp), Troy Mann (19) and Jeff Rohlicek (16) also scored.

Quinn Fair notched three assists. The Sea Wolves outshot the Bulls 39-32. Sylvain Daigle recorded his 12th win. It was Mississippi's first win in Birmingham.

Friday, Dec. 20, Birmingham 3 at Mississippi 2 SO

After a high scoring game Tuesday, the two teams played defense Friday night. Dany Bosquet scored his eighth goal against the Sea Wolves.

Joakim Wassberger (6), Bosquet and Todd Holt scored first period goals to give the Bulls a 2-1 lead after one.

Kevin Evans (7-pp) tied the game for the Sea Wolves in the third period to force the shootout.

Max Williams scored the game winner in the eighth round of the shootout.

Frederick Beaubien suffered the loss as the Bulls outshot the Sea Wolves 38-35.

Saturday, Dec. 21, Mississippi 5 at Baton Rouge 4 SO

The Sea Wolves won for the first time in Baton Rouge ed-

ing the Kingfish in the team's third consecutive shootout.

Kevin Evans (8, 9 pp) scored twice for Mississippi who trailed 2-1 after one.

Troy Mann notched his 20th goal and Steve Yule scored for the first time since opening night to force yet another shootout.

Kevin Hilton, Kelly Hurd (13-gw) and Evans scored in the shootout.

Sylvain Daigle won his 13th game. The Sea Wolves outshot the Kingfish 34-27. Mississippi was 2 for 5 on the powerplay.

## TRACKING THE SEA WOLVES

\*Troy Mann is tied 12th in the ECHL, scoring race (20-18-38). He is also tied sixth in goals. Mann has a three-game point streak (2-1-3) and 24 points (11g, 13a) in 13 of the last 15.

\*Jeff Rohlicek has a three-game point streak (1-5-6) and 22 points. (8g, 14a) in 11 of the last 15. He is tied 12th in league scoring and for the league lead with three shorthanded goals.

\*Patrick Rochon had assists in five of the last six games (1-5-6).

\*Kevin Evans leads the ECHL with 231 penalty minutes. Kevin leads the circuit with 38 minor penalties and is fourth with 15 majors.

\*Evans has a three-game point streak (3-1-4) and 16 points (6g, 10a) in 11 of the last 12.

\*Mike Muller leads all defensemen in the ECHL with 12 goals and is tied for the lead in scoring among blueliners with

29 points (12g 17a). Muller has 14 points (5g, 9a) in 10 of the last 15.

\*Kelly Hurd has 11 points (8g, 3a) in five of the last six.

\*Joakim Wassberger has scored five goals in four of the last seven and has nine points (5g, 4a) in six of the last nine.

\*Roger Maxwell is second in the league with 200 penalty minutes. He is tied for the circuit lead with 18 majors.

\*Sylvain Daigle is 10-3-2 in his last 15 outings with a 3.01 goals against and a .916 saves percentage. He is tied 11th in the ECHL with a 3.18 goals against average, fifth in saves percentage at .911 and tied third in wins 13.

## Transactions:

12/17 D Quinn Fair loaned to Baltimore (AHL)

12/19 C Andrew Dale assigned by Phoenix (IHL)

12/19 C Chris Schmidt assigned by Phoenix (IHL)

## AFTER THE WHISTLE

\*Mississippi hits the Christmas break tied for first place (Tallahassee) in the South with a record of 17-10-4 and 38 points.

\*The Sea Wolves lead the ECHL in games played at 31.

\*Mississippi will be the fourth team to go over the 100,000 mark in attendance Friday.

\*The Sea Wolves are 13-2-1 at home with 27 points, most of any team in the league in their own building. They have outscored the opposition 63-43, an average of 3.94 to 2.69. They are 10-1-1 in the last 12.

\*The Sea Wolves are 6-0 on Tuesday.

\*Mississippi is 10-3-1 when outshooting the opponent and 6-7-3 when outshot.

\*The Sea Wolves are tied second in the league with seven shorthanded goals, all of which have come at home. Knoxville leads with eight.

\*The Sea Wolves have held the opposition scoreless only six times in the first period this season and are 5-0-1. They have allowed 48 first period goals, second only to Johnstown and Knoxville (49).

\*Mississippi has scored 44 first period goals, second only to South Carolina with 45.

\*15 of the Sea Wolves first 31 games have been decided by one goal. They are 8-3-4.

\*Mississippi has allowed just 19 third period goals, second fewest to Charlotte's 17.

\*The Sea Wolves powerplay is ranked fifth in the league at 23.2%. The Sea Wolves have scored 36 powerplay goals, third most in the ECHL. It was 4/12 33.3% last week. They are ranked third on the road at 25.6% (20/78).

\*Mississippi's penalty killing is ranked 12th in the league killing 125/155 for 80.6%. They killed 8/11 72.7% last week.

\*The Sea Wolves are 4-10-3 when scoring three or fewer go-

als in a game, 12-1-1 when scoring four or more. 12-2-1 when allowing three or less and 14-5-3 when allowing four or less.

## Happy Holidays

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## Beta Club officers

The Gulfview Elementary Junior Beta Club recently held its election of officers. This year's officers are, from left, Meghan Hedrick, president; Jessica Stimens, vice-president; Lori Gaude, secretary; Veronica Fuch, treasurer; and Lisa Peterson, recorder. The Beta Club is an honors club for honor roll students.

## Parents should monitor teen's job

Whether a student works part-time to pay for gifts for the holidays, to contribute to household income, or for spending money, a job is also a vehicle for a student to gain a wealth of valuable experience. A part-time job can build a resume, help a young person learn responsibility and achieve a sense of self-reliance.

It can sharpen people skills, and time and money management. But, a teen's part-time job must be carefully balanced with the teen's number one priority: getting a good education.

"A part-time job can be very relevant to a student's academic achievement," said Ed Reini, president and CEO, McDonald's USA, which, with more than 8,000 restaurants in the United States, is one of this country's largest employers of students.

"A student working part-time at McDonald's, for example, can have opportunities to see and experience all aspects of the operation of a business, from marketing to budgeting, purchasing, training and customer service."

Parents and educators can ensure that the work a school obligation of their children's employment is not a distraction from their education. Parents should monitor their child's work schedule to ensure it does not interfere with schoolwork.

Principals advise that teachers use examples that many students face in part-time jobs to make classroom teaching come to life. For example, the challenges of running a cash register can be used in teaching math.

"We recognize that many students must work or choose to work," said Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

"However, a student's job must not conflict with school. The experience is most apt to be successful for the student and employer when the parents and teachers see that the student is able to accomplish both."

NASSP represents more than 100,000 educators and 1.5 million students through organizations such as the National Honor Society, and is the publisher of the high school reform report, *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*.

McDonald's limits students' hours to 20 per week, and late hours are discouraged. Managers are encouraged to be flexible in scheduling teens to allow time off for school services and maintain a safe working environment. As the principal of Gulfview Elementary, Dr. Dyer said, "We encourage parents to monitor their child's work schedule to ensure it does not interfere with schoolwork."

dent employees. It developed a student-employee guide for managers, and provides academic achievement incentives for its student hires.

The U.S. Department of Labor suggests that parents help monitor their teens' work by:

• Talking with them about their job to keep abreast of changes in duties, equipment, supervision and problems.

• Being alert for the warning signs, such as late night hours, unsupervised work, recent employer citations for child labor violations, or employee injuries in the workplace.

• Knowing that teens under the age of 18 should not be asked to perform certain hazardous jobs, such as driving a car, roofing, riding in the back of an open truck, and using a power-driven slicer or bakery machine.

• Meeting with the employers to let them know you're concerned about safety and the nature of the job.

• Visiting the job site frequently, which can give parents the chance to see changes. Notice not only the employee's duties, but those of other workers since often, one worker is asked to substitute in another worker's job.

• Encouraging employees to report safety concerns to their supervisors. Parents should ensure that their child's work schedule does not interfere with schoolwork.

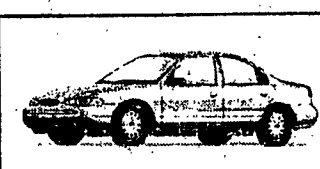
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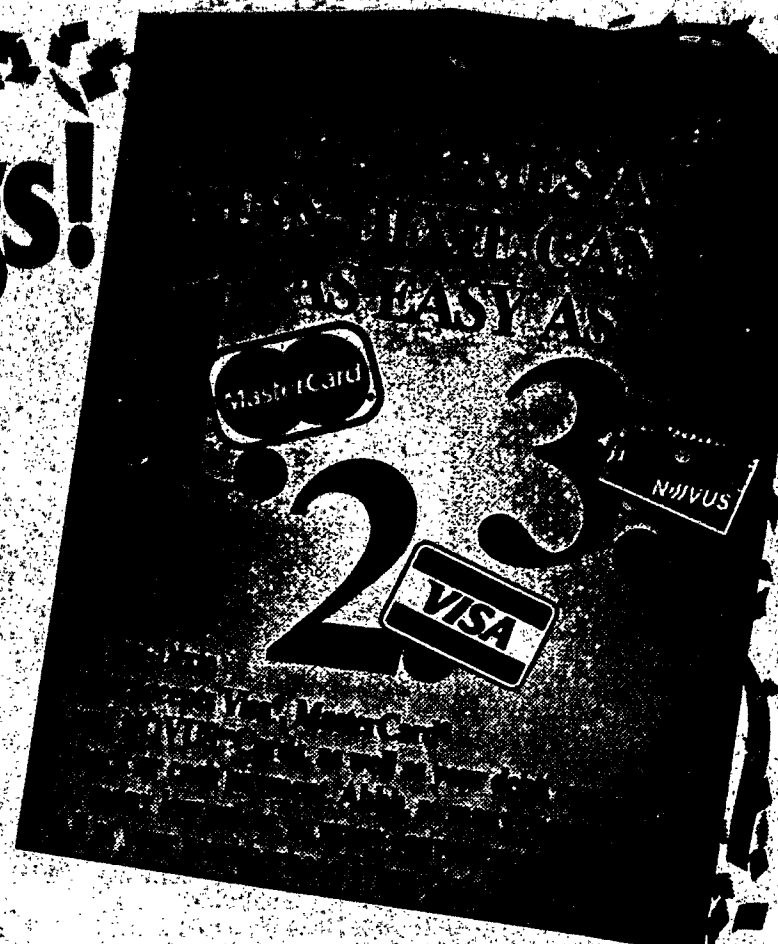
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## Take time to reflect, set goals

I hope your work was as rewarding as mine during the past year.

In the last week, I received close to a dozen thank-you notes from clients whose financial lives have improved due to help or information they received from the MSU Cooperative Extension Service.

One of my favorite Christmas cards was from a homeless individual who uses our bill payer services. His appreciation for simple gestures of acceptance and kindness brought tears to my eyes. Instead of the bitterness you might expect from one in such difficult circumstances, he was very grateful for the way our program helps him.

The volunteers who perform the bill payment services are the real key to programs like

the one that helps this man. Volunteers, it has been a true pleasure to work with you. Thanks, also, to the banks and other sponsors that helped.

Cooperation from local, state and federal agencies has never been better. The agency that scores us all the most, the Internal Revenue Service, is working hard on the local level to overcome that image. More state agencies have 800 numbers and offices on the Coast. Those that don't sent representatives from Jackson for educational seminars and exhibits on the Coast.

Employers and lenders have gone the extra mile to understand and help those in difficulty. Both large and small Coast employers have warmed

my heart as we worked together to help struggling employees. These employers could have easily chosen to ignore their employees' problems or get rid of the problem employee, instead of help. A gift as good as any Christmas present was the assistance a mortgage company offered to one client in an effort to ease the mortgage burden during the family's sudden medical crisis.

Bankers, attorneys, accountants and investment advisors have donated hundreds of hours and immense expertise. None of you refused to help when I called. You have answered consumer questions, taught classes, prepared materials, sponsored educational programs

and helped me research complicated family financial issues. I was especially touched during the illness and subsequent death of a client, at the kindness and selflessness displayed by one banker who we usually see in a staid, financial role.

The close of another year is an appropriate time to reflect on the year that is past, both the good and the bad. I think these reflections help us to build on the positive, improve the negative, and realize how lucky we are for whatever windfall or blessing that came our way.

The year of 1996 may have been one of soaring bankruptcies, increasing credit delinquencies and sadly lacking retirement funds. However, it was also a year of a soaring stock market and a national economy experiencing steady growth.

Next year, some exciting Cooperative Extension initiatives including a National Retirement Savings campaign and the Money 2000 program will address some of the shortfalls in family financial management.

Start setting your money goals for 1997. If you are short on ideas, I'll start the new year off with suggestions to improve your financial future.

Thanks for your questions, your contributions and your support in 1996. Join me next week and next year, same day, same place.

## State home sales increase in November

Mississippi's housing markets, while reflecting the seasonal slowdown, remained strong in November because of low inflation and reasonable mortgage rates.

November's Mississippi Home Sales Report, released by the Mississippi Association of Realtors, shows a small increase overall from last November's numbers. This holding can be attributed to lower interest rates, a moderate inflation rate, and a moderate inflation rate, said MAR President Larry Edwards.

"Typically in November, Realtors nationwide will see a drop in sales," said Edwards. "We are pleased that the statewide numbers show that November 1996 sales were higher overall than October 1996 sales."

Mississippi's Realtors closed 935 homes last month, which was up from July's 915 units. The state's two largest markets, the Jackson area and the Gulf Coast, continued to be strong with 263 and 186 units sold, respectively.

The booming north DeSoto County area had a positive 103 units closed, 23 more units than in October. Smaller towns also had a good showing; Natchez closed 22 sales and Greenville,

reported 21 closings.

The Association's Home Sales Report also indicates that the highest average home sales price in November was in north DeSoto County at \$104,099, followed by Grenada at \$100,875 and Vicksburg at \$98,274. The lowest average home sales price for November was in Laurel at \$66,621.

The Mississippi Association of Realtors is the voice of real estate in Mississippi, representing 4,000 real estate professionals active in all phases of brokerage, development, appraisal and property management.

Average statewide statistics show total homes sold November 1996 were 935; in October 1996, 915. Average selling price November 1996 was \$85,052 and October 1996, \$82,690.

Total homes sold on the Gulf Coast November 1996 were 186; in October 1996, 190; November 1995, 172; and to date, 2,205.

Average selling price for the Gulf Coast was \$92,166 November 1996; \$82,925 in October 1996; \$89,070 in November 1995 and \$96,027 to date.

The Gulf Coast area includes Gulfport, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Biloxi and Ocean Springs.

## Arledge named to Jackson County Port Authority

Governor Kirk Fordice has announced the appointment of John C. Arledge III of Gautier to the Jackson County Port Authority.

Fordice said, "John will be a tremendous asset to the Jackson County Port Authority and to the people of Jackson County. His almost 29 years of service to Ingalls Shipbuilding has provided him with first-hand knowledge of the issues that face the port."

Fordice added, "John is dedicated to economic development in Jackson County and to developing a world-class, multi-use industrial port."

Arledge has worked for Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pasca-

goula for almost 29 years and serves as the company's vice president for contracts, estimating and industrial engineering. He also served as chairman of the contracts committee for the American Shipbuilders Association for 12 years.

Arledge received his bachelor of arts degree in business from Mississippi State University in 1964. He also served as an officer in the United States Army from 1964 to 1968. He is a former member of the Pascagoula Jaycees and a former coach, referee and commissioner of the Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Association.

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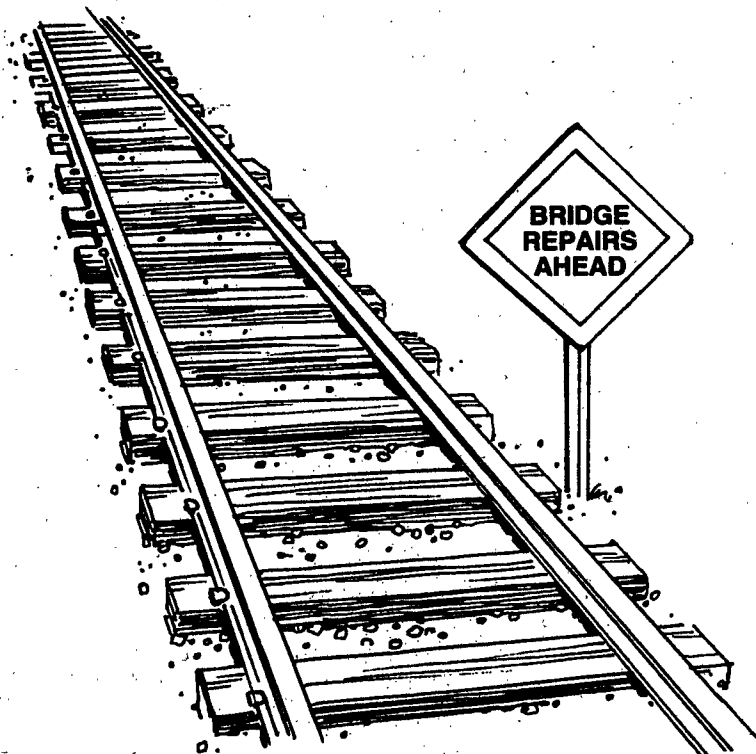
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## Law students receive scholarships

Three students at the University of Mississippi School of Law each were awarded the Hugh C. "Buzzy" Clayton Memorial Scholarship. They are, second from left, Amy Louise Bland of Kosciusko, Peggy L. Dutton of Bay St. Louis and Scott Hendrix of Louisville. Acting Dean William M. Champion, left, offered congratulations at a special event on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus honoring scholarship recipients and donors.

## Safety Belt, child protective device, and helmet survey results announced

Mississippi's motor vehicle safety belt use was 45.99 percent, child protective device 50 percent and motorcycling helmet use 98.45 percent in 1996, according to surveys by Mississippi State University's Social Science Research Center.

Safety belt use was 46 percent in 1995 and 43 percent in 1994. Child protective device use was 49 percent in 1995 and 51 percent in 1994. Helmet use was 98.76 percent in 1995 and 98 percent in 1994.

The surveys were conducted for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The safety belt and helmet surveys employed a sampling methodology designed by the University of Tennessee's Transportation Research Center in which counties, road segments, day of the week, time of the day and direction of observation were randomly chosen.

This methodology has been approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The child protective device survey employed a technique developed by Mississippi State University and was conducted in 30 cities that are representative of the state's population.

A total of 49,684 motorists were observed in the safety belt survey, 6,578 children in the child protective device survey and 216 motorcyclists in the helmet survey.

"Many lives are needlessly taken each year because of Mississippi motorists neglecting to use safety belts or child protective devices," said Donald O'Cain, governor's representative for highway safety and executive director of the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning.

"In 1995, more than 80 percent of those killed on Mississippi roadways were not using safety belts or child protective devices such as safety seats."

"NHTSA research indicates that safety belts, when used correctly, reduce the risk of injury to automobile front-seat passenger by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50 percent. Research on the effectiveness of child safety seats has found them to reduce fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and 47 percent for toddlers. Motorcycling helmets are estimated to be 29 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries," O'Cain said.

"Mississippi can be proud of the fact that compliance with our law requiring all motorcyclists to use helmets is among the highest in the nation," he said.

"Also state law requires that all automobile and truck drivers, and their front-seat passengers, use occupant protection devices and children under 4 years of age be buckled into child protective devices. If these individuals would obey the laws, just as the overwhelming majority of motorcyclists do, we could see a drastic cut in deaths and serious injuries on Mississippi roadways."

"Must it take death, serious injuries or an arrest to convince those who are not using safety belts or child protective devices to recognize their importance? I hope not," O'Cain said.

## Miss. to receive \$1.5 million to combat drug trafficking

Law enforcement authorities in Mississippi will receive nearly \$1.5 million to help combat drug trafficking, the state's two United States senators announced.

U.S. Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott said the funds were part of \$6 million allocated for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program in the Gulf Coast states of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Cochran, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said funds for the HIDTA program were included in the FY 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

The funds will enable state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to employ 33 full-time personnel to battle drug trafficking in the Gulf Coast area.

The HIDTA program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A total of 152 personnel in the three-state Gulf Coast area will be funded by the \$6 million, the agency said. The number and funds allocated include Mississippi (\$1,442,769 and 33 personnel), Louisiana (\$3,173,423 and 92 personnel) and Alabama (\$1,383,812 and 27 personnel).

The federal agency said the \$6 million for the Gulf Coast states was part of \$23 million being allocated for HIDTA programs in five areas of the nation.

## Fight lung disease with used vehicles

The American Lung Association of Mississippi wants your unused vehicles, regardless of condition. Not only could your donation save you on tax day, but it could help save someone's life.

Each donor will receive a charitable contribution credit for the value of the vehicle. The credit is based on the vehicle's fair market value.

"The Lung Association will pick up the vehicle free of charge throughout most areas of the state," explained Roland D. Robertson, president of the American Lung Association of Mississippi. "We will accept vehicles of any age, make, model or condition."

"One of the easiest of all safety steps is buckling up, and it can prevent years of regret."

The safety belt and helmet surveys were directed by James W. Landrum, Timothy A. Wittig and Deborah Richey Wittig, and the child protective device survey was directed by Landrum and Deborah Wittig.

## Health programs from SMH

Slidell Memorial Hospital is offering the following health-care seminars and screening during the month of January:

**It's All About Eating:** Jan. 6, noon in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. This support group will help you to control your eating behavior and understand your relationship with food. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Moles — Take 'em or Leave 'em:** Jan. 7, noon in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Dr. Elizabeth McBurney, dermatology and laser surgery, will discuss the different types of moles found on the body, warning signs and what you should do about moles. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Prostate Screening for Men Over 40:** Jan. 7, 9-11 a.m. and Jan. 23, 1-3 p.m. in the SMH Medical Office Building at the Urology Center, Ste. 440; \$10 for the PSA Test. The screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the last 12 months. Appointments are required by calling 649-6660.

**Women and Depression — You Can Bloom Out of Your Gloom:** Jan. 8, noon in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Ann Rau, MS will help you learn to identify destructive patterns and discuss ways to break out of them. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Hypnosis Classes:** Sponsored by the American Lung Association and SMH. Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m. (weight control) and 8-10 p.m. (smoking cessation); in the SMH Medical Office Building Rooms A & B. Free; \$45 per session. For reservations, call 1-800-586-4872.

**Coping with Divorce:** Jan. 20, 7 p.m. in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. The seminar will focus on the emotional roller coaster separated and divorced people feel and some positive ways of coping during this difficult time. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Midlife Doesn't Have to be a Crisis:** Jan. 21, noon in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Join the discussion on the empty nest, physical changes and questions about our relationships, and much more. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Diabetes Wellness:** Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. in the SMH Wellness Pavilion.

## Parenting skills seminars at SMH

Designed specially for parents, the following seminars are being sponsored by Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center during January:

**Strengthening Stepfamilies:** Jan. 2, 7-9 p.m. in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. If you are part of a stepfamily or planning to be, join this helpful support group. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Boy Talk — Facts and Feelings About Growing Up:** Jan. 6, 7 p.m. in the SMH Women's Resource Suite.

## PRCC spring orientation

Orientation for all new students who plan to enroll at Pearl River Community College for the 1997 spring semester is Jan. 8-9 at 8:30 a.m. in Moody Hall Auditorium.

PRCC President Ted Alexander will welcome students to campus, and other administrators will be on hand to answer any questions students may have regarding the admissions process and spring classes. Counselors will also be available to discuss other topics of interest to students.

Following orientation, students will meet with advisors at assigned times. There is no admission fee for orientation.

All students should have their transcripts on file in the PRCC Admissions Office or they can bring them to orientation. In addition, all academic and technical students must take the American College Test (ACT), while vocational students must take the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE).

Any student who has not taken either of the tests should telephone the PRCC Counseling Center at (601) 795-1250 for information.

men's Resource Suite. David W. Kidder, PhD, counseling psychologist, and Mahmoud Dattary, MD, adult and pediatric urology, will discuss the stages of development with boys aged 10-16. The program is designed for boys and their parent(s). Call 646-0044 to register.

**Baby Talks — Illness and Your Infant:** Jan. 16, 7 p.m. in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Parents and infants (birth to 12 months) are invited to join Linda Jajiki, RN of the SMH Nursery as she discusses signs of illness, sneezing, infection, when to call the pediatrician, immunization schedules and first aid methods. Call 646-0044 to register.

**Parenting Preschoolers — Fears of Dogs, Monsters and the Dark:** Jan. 17, 9-10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 1534 7th Street. SMH parent educator Susan Higgins will discuss the most common fears for 3- to 5-year-olds and shares some tips on how to keep those fears from overwhelming you and your child. A baby sitter is available at this program for a \$2 fee. Call 646-0044 to register.

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The neck or upper region of the spine, the victim is even more susceptible to the above exciting causes.

The second major cause of arm and shoulder pain could be called the "true" cause. This is a spinal misalignment that causes a pinching or pressing upon one or more of the nerves that lead into the affected area. This disorder may first appear as acute neurology and if not corrected it will progress into chronic neuritis or arthritis, making it harder to correct.

While the victim of arm and shoulder pain can eliminate exciting causes from his lifestyle once they are discovered. Spinal misalignment are not self-correcting and need professional care.

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## Sewerage

Smith said additional funds would be allocated "sometimes during the 1996-97 fiscal year."

Miner said the funding dilemma puts the Wastewater District in virtually a caretaker position. "Some expansion is going on around Lacy River Road, 19th Street and Avenue D," said

Miner. "Those projects are in various stages of completion."

Miner made some dire predictions in the event the sewerage expansion comes to a halt. "It's going to hamstring the development of the southern portion of Hancock County," said Miner. With Wellman

building a multi-million plastics/fiber manufacturing plant at Port Bienville, Miner said. "People will want to move in, but they can't build houses or get loans for them because there's no sewerage. They'll end up buying or building in Slidell or St. Tammany," said Miner.

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## Proposed roadway safety legislation announced

Proposed legislation that could save many lives on Mississippi roadways has been announced by the Mississippi Association of Highway Safety Leaders (MAHSL). It includes:

- Providing zero tolerance of alcohol in the blood of individuals under the age of 21. In Mississippi and nearly every other state, persons under 21 cannot legally purchase and publicly possess alcoholic beverages. To save many young lives and support this law, it's important to make it illegal for young people who have been drinking to drive.

- Lowering the legal definition for driving under the influence (DUI) from .10 percent blood alcohol concentration (BAC) to .08 for adult drivers. Studies by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) indicate that drivers who have a BAC well below .08 percent often are impaired to the point that they can cause serious motor vehicle crashes. Each year approximately 350 Mississippians die in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes.

- Strengthening safety belt legislation to a primary law, which would allow law enforcement officers to issue citations to the driver if any person in the vehicle is not using a safety belt or child protective device without first charging this individual with another offense.

Currently, it's a secondary law which requires a driver to be charged with another offense before he or she can be issued a safety belt citation. Of the persons killed last year in motor vehicle crashes, 80.5 percent were not using safety belts or child protective devices. GOHS has indicated that approximately 50 percent of these individuals could have been saved by these devices.

- Requiring children passengers to age 12 to be buckled into age-appropriate safety devices. In a crash, children not in a child safety seat or other protective device can be thrown into the vehicle's windshield, steer-

ing wheel, doors, dashboard, other interior surfaces or out of the vehicle onto surfaces such as the pavement.

- Making it illegal for any person to have an alcoholic beverage open in any motor vehicle at any time on public property. It is a well-documented fact that alcohol consumption and motor vehicles can be a deadly combination.

- Prohibiting passengers under age 6 from riding in cargo storage areas of pick-up trucks or trailers.

- Giving authority to all sheriff's departments and municipalities to operate radar in their jurisdictions. Speed is a contributing factor in more than one-third of all fatal crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Yet, law enforcement is seriously hampered in enforcing speeding laws.

- Enhancing penalties for driving while under suspension for DUI-related offenses.

Many individuals have ignored such suspensions, and it's believed that enhanced penalties could help to discourage this blatant disregard for action of the courts.

"Last year, Mississippi had 868 traffic deaths, and most of these could have been prevented," said Sarah Lizana, MAHSL chairman. "Unfortunately, we need laws to deter us from taking actions that could cost lives or result in serious injuries on Mississippi roadways. Each of our proposed legislative steps was determined with this in mind."

Donald O'Cain, governor's representative for highway safety, noted that "Mississippi legislators have demonstrated again and again that they share our concern for roadway safety, but it's important that legislators know about specific concerns of their constituents. I urge all citizens to let your legislative representatives know how strongly you feel about roadway safety."

## Lagoon

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lagoon as a Class II rubbish site. According to Favre the lagoon is obligated as a wetlands mitigation site.

"There is already an obligation there (as a wetlands mitigation site) for some completed projects and we anticipate some future obligation," Favre said. Favre said his understanding was that the Solid Waste District was looking at the lagoon as a possible place to put chippings (tree trimmings, mulch etc.) not the other debris allowed by a Class II site.

However, in order to deposit the chippings a Class II permit would be required which also includes other debris such as mortar and brick.

Although the city is not going to use the land as a rubbish site Favre said other uses may be explored, including a sewer treatment facility or a natural type park.

"We have been looking at it (the lagoon) for some sort of sewer treatment facility, but with the Waveland expansion it's not needed for overflow at this time," Favre said. "We may look at putting in a different type of sewer treatment plant than a mechanical plant, which may go hand in hand with the park idea."

In other matters, the City Council authorized the payment of the \$3,000 balance needed to purchase a new police dog.

The total cost of the dog is approximately \$10,000 and the Police Department has raised almost \$7,000.

The animal will be cross trained for such things as drugs, tracking and building searches.

## Plan colorful accents for winter landscapes

Creating pockets of color may be just the idea to liven up your landscape for the winter. You don't have to have massive, sweeping beds of color to add real beauty to your home.

Most Mississippi landscapes have an abundance of evergreen shrub varieties to avoid a totally bleak look. Unfortunately, evergreens offer little seasonal change or flower color. There are usually some good opportunities for people interested in adding color to evergreen areas.

One easy way to prepare modest-sized spaces of clumps of seasonal color is enlarging planting area in front of evergreen shrubs. Plant a sufficient quantity of flowers so the effect is not just a tiny spot in the overall picture.

Almost every week I talk to someone who has a landscape where shrub and nearby tree roots have overtaken the area, forcing them to remove the shrub or tree to allow flowering plants to succeed.

Trees blocking sunlight to flowering plants is another dilemma often encountered by homeowners. Correct this problem by limbing up or selective removal of inferior trees to allow light penetration.

The possibilities for pocket-type plantings are almost endless. Pansies, snapdragons, dianthus and chrysanthemums provide welcoming pockets of color to entrances. They are wonderful choices for massing in front of evergreen shrubs. Try planting three ornamental trees or shrubs with brightly colored flowers.

door living areas, swimming pools and entrance courts. Portability is a special asset of container plants, since they usually can be moved to a less prominent location when not at their best.

With our long growing season and relatively short winters, landscape maintenance becomes almost a year-round affair. By selecting plants adapted to Mississippi and placing them in the most important areas of your landscape, year-round color can become a practical reality.

Another great way to add seasonal color is by including more shrubs — specifically dwarf nandinas. Four dwarf varieties have captured the lion's share of the market and are well worth having in most landscapes.

My favorite is the Harbour Dwarf. It branches from the ground and forms a dense mound 2 to 3 feet tall and slightly wider. It has a reddish-purple color in the winter and will fruit at maturity.

Atropurpurea Nana grows to about 2 feet in height and usually develops yellow-green leaves tinged with purple and red throughout the growing season. You have likely noticed this variety's cupped leaves.

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